

## **Executive Order 2007-14**

### **To Spend Money from the Health Crisis Fund on Tuberculosis (TB) Control Interventions**

**WHEREAS**, TB is a world-wide health problem with an estimated one out of three people in the world being infected with TB; and

**WHEREAS**, cases of multidrug resistant TB (MDR-TB) and extensively drug resistant TB (XDR-TB) are increasing in the world, in the United States, and in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona alone has seen a 12% increase in TB cases over the last year; and

**WHEREAS**, on a yearly average Arizona has 17 cases of isoniazid TB, 1-2 cases of MDR-TB and has recently identified its first case of XDR-TB in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, XDR-TB has an extremely high fatality rate and both XDR-TB and MDR-TB are extremely expensive to treat; and

**WHEREAS**, giving patients daily TB medications by Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) where health care workers travel to patients' homes to administer the TB medications is an essential component of ensuring proper TB treatment so that MDR-TB and XDR-TB do not develop; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 10% of all TB patients in Arizona in 2006 were homeless, and less likely to complete TB therapy properly, thereby increasing the risk of developing MDR-TB and DR-TB; and

**WHEREAS**, TB spreads rapidly in homeless shelters unless rapid diagnosis of active TB disease is made; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been proven that when homeless shelters offer chest X-rays, the spread of TB in the shelters is greatly reduced; and

**WHEREAS**, these circumstances are neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 because they require neither state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Emergency and Military Affairs assistance;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in the State, and hereby order as follows:

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the sum of two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000.00) shall be transferred from the Health Crisis Fund to the Department of Health Services to provide resources to improve screening, diagnosing, and treating TB for vulnerable populations and the general public, including by purchasing a portable,

digital X-ray machine for diagnosing TB in homeless shelters and among other vulnerable populations throughout the state.

2. The Department of Health Services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to decrease the risk of TB in Arizona and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by June 30, 2008 on the expenditure of all sums so transferred.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

  
**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 29th day of June in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

**ATTEST:**

  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**